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Record of Decision Issued for Central Shops Sewage Sludge Lagoon Operable Unit

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) have selected remedial approaches for Savannah River Site's (SRS) Central Shops Sewage Sludge Lagoon (CSSL) Operable Unit. A 45-day public comment period for the Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan and the associated draft Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit modification was held from August 8, 2001 to September 21, 2001. The remedial decision is documented in the Record of Decision (ROD) document. This document includes a responsiveness summary that addresses public comments. DOE has worked with SCDHEC and EPA to ensure the remedial approach is consistent with all applicable environmental requirements.

DOE, the EPA, and SCDHEC have determined that the preferred alternative for the CSSL Operable Unit is:

No Action - The No Action alternative is the preferred alternative for the CSSL. This means that no remedial action will be performed at the CSSL. There is no waste to treat and no institutional or engineering controls are required. Because no further action will be taken, the CSSL will remain in its present condition. No capital and/or operation and maintenance costs will be involved for this action.

This alternative will be protective of human health and the environment. It is also intended to be the final action for the CSSL Operable Unit.

Copies of the ROD are available in the administrative record. The administrative record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina-Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Documents Department at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the Record of Decision are available at the following:

- Reese Library at Augusta State University in Augusta, GA; and
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA.

The ROD is available for review from November 15, to December 14, 2002.

Temporary Modification to Extraction System Requested

DOE has submitted to SCDHEC a temporary authorization request to modify the H Area extraction system at SRS.

If approved, the modification will enable SRS to perform a test to evaluate the potential to optimize collection in the zones of higher contamination. The proposed test involves isolating screens in the existing extraction wells to the zone correlative with the highest contaminant concentrations. The areas of concentration were identified during the depth discrete characterization work. Packers will be installed within the extraction wells to isolate sections of the well screen.

The testing is projected to last less than six months.

Want More Information?

For more information, on the CSSL Operable Unit ROD or the proposed modification to the H Area Extraction System

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